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MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2006

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DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Veteran's Building, 2203 Central Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jay Ingram, Vice Chair Kahuanui, Commissioners Terri Ogden and Georg Oliver

Absent: Commissioners Christine Johnson and Bruce Reeves

Staff: Dale Lillard, Acting Director (AD)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 2005 and January 2006 Minutes to be provided at February 2006 Meeting.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

Vice Chair Kahuanui introduced Michael Cooper who has been nominated and appointed by the Mayor as a Recreation and Park Commissioner. AD Lillard stated that Mr. Cooper will be sworn in on January 17, 2006.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on Bayport Park and Community Building - *(Discussion Item Only)*

AD Lillard provided a report to the Commission on the Bayport Park Project. Council will adopt the plans and specs for the Bayport Park and Community Building Project on Tuesday, January 17, 2006. Once adopted, bid packages will be sent to contractors. Contractors will have 30 days to submit their bids. Once a contractor is selected the bid will go back to Council for approval. Hopefully we can break ground by mid-March.

Commissioner's should start thinking of names for the new park. This will be agendized for the February Commission Meeting.

B. Status Report on Veteran's Building – (*Discussion Item Only*)

Veteran's in attendance:

Jim Sweeney, Commander American Legion Post #647
Susan Hodges, Chapter 400 Vietnam Veterans of America
Joe Williams, American Legion Post #647
Bronson Perry, Disabled American Veterans #8
Jim Lynch, Disabled American Veterans #8
Jean Sweeney Committee member and Secretary

AD Lillard Provided information to the Commission as far as who is using the Veteran's Building. The Recreation and Park Department uses the building for the following programs:

- Wee Play
- Special Interest Classes
- Drama
- Special Events
- Teen Center

Space is also provided for the following:

- Alameda Arts Council
- Library's Adult Literacy Programs
- Local Veteran's Groups

AD Lillard provided the Commission with a tour of the Veterans' Building.

Jean Sweeney stated that she saw a news article regarding various organizations receiving grants and if the City could get us (Veteran's Building) on the list. AD Lillard stated that he will check with the Community Development Department.

Ms. Sweeney feels that the building is under utilized as far as making money to maintain the building and the Veteran's feel that renovating the kitchen will help raise funds. The group is also looking into see if the building was ever declared a historical landmark, if so they would be eligible to receive funds.

Chair Ingram asked if there were funds set aside for the renovation of the kitchen. AD Lillard stated that there was \$10,000 allocated for the design.

Commissioner Oliver asked what the cost would be to renovate the kitchen. AD Lillard stated that Public Works estimates the work at \$200,000.

A discussion was held concerning the concept of developing a master plan specifically for the Veteran's Building. Chair Ingram suggested approaching a number of local architects about the possibility of providing some volunteer services. The possibility of identifying potential funding sources for such a master plan was discussed. Chair Ingram also raised the issue of utilizing the funds in the City's Open Space Fund. AD Lillard reminded the Commission that any allocation of the Open Space Funds would require Council action.

Commissioner Ogden volunteered to discuss the possibility with a number of architects that she is familiar with.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of FY 2006-08 Capital Improvement Projects – (Discussion Item Only)

AD Lillard reviewed the City's process for developing Capital Improvement Projects.

The following projects were identified during the CIP process for FY 2004-06 but were not selected for funding:

- Renovation of the Alameda Point Gym and Pool
- Alameda Point Sports Complex
- Veteran's Building Kitchen Upgrade and Interior Painting
- Park Master Plan
- Mastick Senior Center Exterior Painting
- Repairs at the Skate Park
- Alameda Point Soccer Fields
- Park Lighting Replacement

Each of the above projects will be resubmitted during the FY 2006-08 cycle.

Also, the following new projects will be considered:

- Renovation of the Harrison and Leydecker Recreation Centers
- Refinish Hardwood Floors in Veteran's Building
- Godfrey Park Field Renovation
- Lincoln Park Field Renovation
- Tillman Park Athletic Field

After a brief discussion the Commission rated the projects in order of priority:

1. Park Master Plan
2. Renovation of Leydecker and Harrison Centers
3. Lincoln and Tillman Field Renovations
4. Upgrade to Veteran's Building Kitchen

5. Skate Park Repairs

All of the projects noted in the staff report will be submitted and will continue through the process.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

Franklin Park - A spring toy was vandalized in the new play area. Friends of Franklin and staff decided to replace the spring toy with a stronger play apparatus. A new climber that looks like a car was purchased and installed. Friends of Franklin paid for the new climber.

Lincoln Park - A large section of fence was removed behind the pool at Lincoln Park. The section removed was only the top area of fence which was causing some concerns during high winds. This still leaves us with about 15 feet of fence between the houses along Central and the pool area. Access was extremely difficult but the work was done with out any problems.

Godfrey Park - The irrigation heads on three stations were completely replaced in the outfield. The field was then aerified, fertilized, and seeded to prepare for the upcoming baseball season.

Leydecker and Washington Park - The infield areas at were tilled with Turface to help the condition for the upcoming baseball season.

B. Recreation Division

Recreation After School Program (RAP) for Kindergartners through 5th Graders, continues to help parents by providing the youth of Alameda with an after school recreation program at selected park sites throughout Alameda. Participants may sign up for either 5, 3 or 2 days a week from after school until 5:30 p.m. each day. RAP sites include: Franklin, Leydecker, Lincoln, Longfellow, and Tillman Parks. Currently, all RAP sites with the exception of Longfellow are at full capacity.

Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Event was held on Saturday, December 3. This year the ice skating rink in City Hall's parking Lot was provided free by Public Works. There were more than 200 participants who skated. Skating was open from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and had a steady stream of people. The Alameda Community Band, Dancing Christmas Trees, Santa and his elves, and the fabulous Mistletones, all performed and entertained the crowds throughout the event.

Underground Teen Center - Attendance remains high and more kids are participating in our after-school programs. Staff has been busy planning new, creative, and active games and activities. Attendance at the teen center for the month was 480 teens. Due to school holiday, the center was open on Wednesday, November 23rd, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

for teens to drop in. To take advantage of the holiday, the center has been implementing activities that are focused around the holidays such as Thanksgiving soup and dessert.

The **Alameda Youth Committee (AYC)** has been working on electing officers and continues to recruiting more members. Officers and Members for the 2005-2006 school year are as follows:

Officers

President: Fanny Ye
Vice President: Ricky Quach
Secretary: Elaine Yu
Treasurer: Isaac WoldeMariam
Inventory Manager: Camilo King
Publicity Manager: Kamaka Balcupo

School Representatives

Chipman Middle School:	Onyx Goosby
Encinal High School:	Aireana Hagan
St. Joseph Notre Dame High School:	Cameron Vea
Alameda Science Technology Institute (ASTI):	Nancy Yu

Recruitment for school representatives is ongoing.

In Mid-November, AYC assisted Mastick Senior Center with their Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 20. They helped prep and serve hot meals to the seniors. In addition, the Committee returned again to assist Mastick on their post Thanksgiving Breakfast on Saturday, November 26. There were many positive comments made by the seniors, adult volunteers, and Mariel Thomas (Senior Program Coordinator) about their good service.

Also, during the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting, AYC assisted Recreation and Parks on providing refreshments (selling hot beverages) on a cool Saturday afternoon and evening of the event. Besides fundraising they also assisted in crowd control, and clean up. The event raised approximately \$300 which will be used to assist AYC in future teen events & activity planning.

Operation Green Sweep is ongoing. Teen volunteers continue to assist the department by removing trash and debris weekly at the City's 10 parks and playground sites. They also went to three of the Alameda middle schools to assist in their playground and trash pick around the school grounds. By doing so, they learn, promote, and encourage their peers to recycle, and care for their neighborhood parks by keeping them clean. Each of the volunteers can earn up to 15-25 community hours. These hours help them fulfill the school's requirements on their Community Service Hours.

Parks and Playgrounds, our free drop-in recreation program. Parents have been especially happy to have the option of attending this program. Our ten selected sites throughout Alameda are: Franklin, Krusi, Leydecker, Lincoln, Littlejohn, Longfellow, McKinley, Miller, Tillman, and Woodstock.

The **Elk's Hoop Shoot** is now taking place at all parks. Finals will take place on Saturday, January 7, at the new Alameda Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Awards will be given in three age divisions for both boys and girls. The winners will then go on to compete in the District finals.

The **Junior Warrior Basketball Clinic** will begin January 21 at the Alameda Point Gymnasium for K- 3rd Graders. The Clinic will emphasize basic skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Water Polo Club - This new program is offering quality instruction and tournament play for the City's water polo enthusiast. The Program will run from December through January on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for ages 12 and up. The cost is \$100 which includes 25 sessions and membership into USA Water Polo.

C. Mastick Senior Center

October 2005 Statistics (Statistics are two months behind):

Volunteers: 125

Volunteer Hours: 2,420

New Members (July 1, to present): 07

Total Membership to Date (July 1, 2004 to present): 2,041

(Note: Membership renewal is tied to the new Fiscal Year)

Average Number of Lunches Served Daily: 49

Monthly Sign-ins: 13,194

Mastick Holiday Closures!

Mastick Senior Center will be closed for the following holidays:

- Christmas Holiday, Sunday, December 25, and Monday, December 26, 2005.
- New Year's Holiday, Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2, 2006.

Meal Service Availability:

- **Meals on Wheels** is available to provide meal service on the days Mastick is closed. Reserve a meal in advance by calling 865-6131.
- **Mastick's Thanksgiving Dinner** – Was held on Sunday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Mastick dining rooms, Pete McDonough Catering served Thanksgiving Dinner to approximately 130 Mastick members! The Mastick Advisory Board subsidized the balance of the event expense. ARPD teen volunteers assisted with serving and clean-up.

Breakfast before Bingo - On Saturday, November 26, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. breakfast was served in the Mastick dining rooms to 110 seniors. Participants enjoyed scrambled eggs, hot cakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. Breakfast patrons going on to play

Bingo will receive a *free* dauber! Again, ARPD teen volunteers assisted with serving and clean-up.

Bingo on Christmas and New Year's Eve - Saturday Fundraising Bingo will be offered on Saturday, December 24, and Saturday, December 31, with the first game starting at 11:00 a.m. (note time change).

Oakland Community Orchestra performs Holiday Concert - On Monday, December 12, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., the 35-member Oakland Community Orchestra will perform a free concert including works of Schubert, Haydn, Dvorak, and Scott Joplin in the Mastick Social Hall. The concert will include a violin solo by Gil Gleason, conductor!

Mastick's Annual Holiday Sing-Along - Roger Bauer, Immanuel Lutheran Church, and Jim Franz, Alameda Red Cross, return to provide the spirited instrumental background for our Annual Holiday Sing-Along. Join us for good cheer on Thursday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m. in the media room. Enjoy a visit from Santa, refreshments, and spirits of the season.

Family Caregiving Home Reference Program - On Thursday, January 5, 10:00 a.m., the Alameda Red Cross will feature the second of four presentations of the Family Caregiving Home Reference Program designed to help people who care for others by teaching them to build skills, reduce stress, understand legal, financial, and medical issues and balance their responsibilities.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

- **Status Report on Transportation Master Plan Committee (Commissioner Johnson)**

No report at this time.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

AD Lillard stated that the current Washington Park portable building will be demolished within the next month. It is anticipated that construction of the new modular building will begin in the next two months.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

None.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Consideration of Possible Names for the Park in Bayport Development
- Annual Review and Adjustment of Fees for Recreation and Parks

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, February 9, 2006

12. ADJOURNMENT